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Newsline Extra features time-sensitive information about State Library programs and current news of interest to the Missouri library community.

Participation Urged for National Survey

Secretary of State Robin Carnahan is urging the randomly selected Missouri library sites to complete a national survey on issues related to public library Internet connectivity, use and services. The survey is being conducted by the Information Use Management and Policy Institute at Florida State University. The web-based survey, funded by the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation and the American Library Association, must be completed by **April 21, 2006**.

The survey results will be an important tool for policymakers and library staff in developing state and national plans for sustainable funding sources for public access Internet services and resources. The survey may be accessed via the website www.plinternetsurvey.org. Libraries will need their state assigned Library ID code. Further questions may be sent via email to pl2006@ci.fsu.edu.

National Library Workers Day is April 4, 2006

Secretary of State Robin Carnahan and the American Library Association – Allied Professional Association are urging everyone to recognize the hard work librarians do by celebrating National Library Workers Day on April 4, 2006. This day is set aside during National Library Week to recognize the hard work, dedication and expertise of library support staff and librarians.

Secretary Carnahan urges Missourians to nominate their favorite library worker at the National Library Workers Day Stars website at <http://www.ala-apa.org/about/nlwd.html>. The deadline for submitting stars is April 4, 2006.

2006 Books for Children Grant Applications Available

The Libri Foundation is currently accepting applications for its 2006 Books for Children grants. The Libri Foundation, a nationwide non-profit organization, donates new, quality, hardcover children's books to small, rural public libraries. The Foundation matches money raised by local sponsors.

Applications must be postmarked by **April 15, 2006, July 15, 2006, and December 15, 2006**. Visit the Foundations website at www.librifoundation.org for guidelines and downloadable forms.

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